

Q&A and Interacting with DSO

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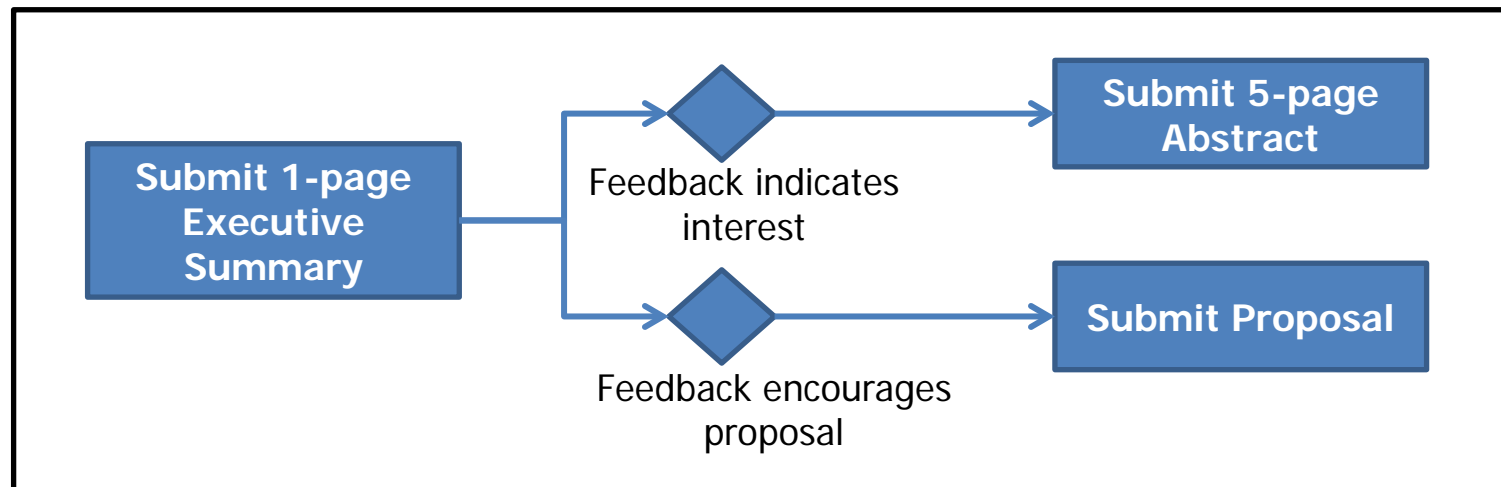


Interacting with DSO



DSO Office-wide BAA is a formal access point to communicate new ideas to DSO PMs

- 1-year-long office wide BAA; designated BAA coordinator and email address
- Does not supersede program BAAs
- Executive summaries, abstracts, and proposals



- Can you come in and discuss your idea? YES, but please submit the executive summary first so we know who is best aligned to hear from you, and so we can maintain a record of your submittal.



Responses to Executive Summaries and Abstracts

- No-Interest/Discourage indicates:
 - The submission does not present an approach to developing technology that is aligned with the DARPA/DSO focus areas and interests.
 - The submission is not important to DSO's areas of responsibility as outlined in the BAA.
 - The submission does not substantiate a revolutionary national security capability within the DSO portfolio.
 - The proposed approach does not clearly identify current limitations that would be overcome.
 - The submission does not identify barriers to implementing new operational concepts and postulate solutions.
 - The submission does not convey technology significantly beyond the state of the art.
- It does NOT mean that you cannot resubmit or that you cannot submit a full proposal... BUT you should strongly consider the Government assessment before expending more resources.



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Interest/Encourage means:

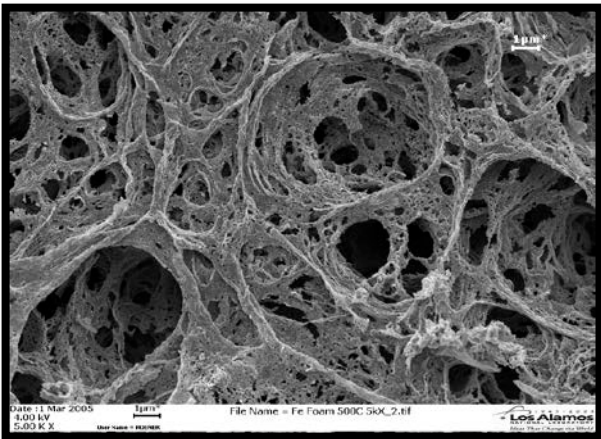
- We find your idea interesting and we would like to know more.
- It does NOT mean that you are funded or that a full proposal will be accepted.

Funding potential:

- Intent is to fund seedlings
- Efforts larger than seedlings are rare, but may occur for efforts that support or lead to multiple programs.



Topic Areas



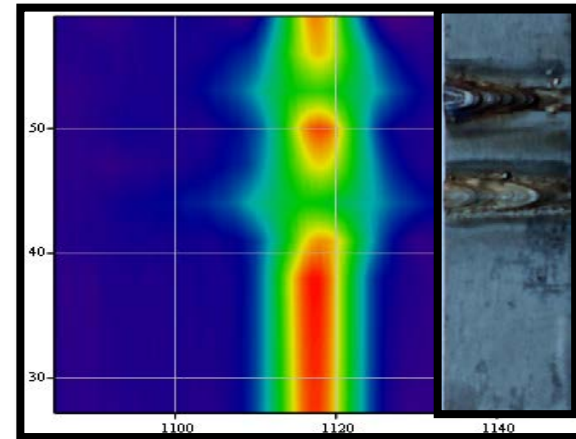
Transformative Materials

Decoupling and control of countervailing material properties; design and fabrication of new materials across multiple length scales



Supervised Autonomy

Development of theory, tools, and components to enable extended autonomous activity in unstructured, infrastructure-poor environments



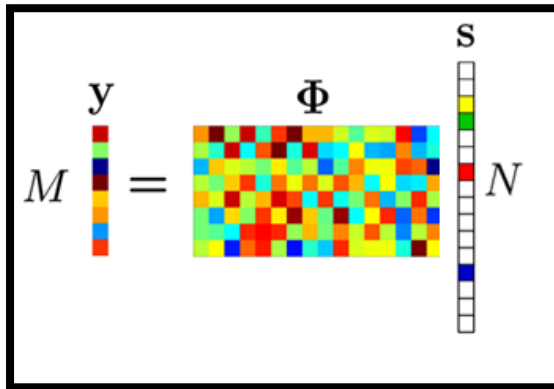
Novel Sensing and Detection

New approaches to sensing and detecting CBRNE materials and devices



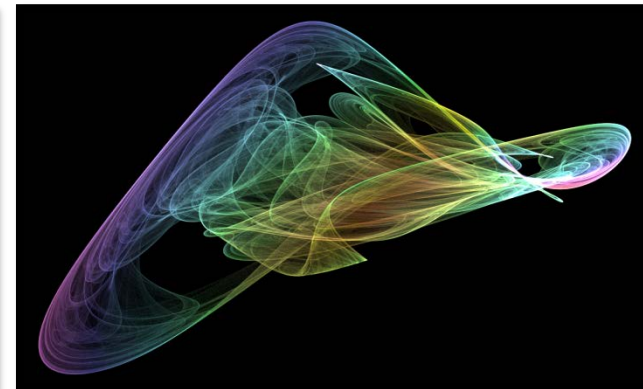
Physical Sciences

Exploration of scientific breakthroughs and boundaries that enable unique capabilities for national security



Mathematics

Development of advanced mathematics and modeling tools



Complexity

Exploration of the science of complexity, and its application to new engineering paradigms



General Advice

- DO read the BAA-14-46 document in its entirety.
- DO use the executive summary and abstract process.
- If you are submitting a full proposal, read BAA-14-46 through again, and especially the Evaluation Criteria.
- DO forward any questions related to the DARPA/DSO Office Wide BAA to DARPA-BAA-14-46@darpa.mil.
- If you have no response after 7 weeks, DO email the Office-Wide BAA to check status.